

TELEPHONE CALLS

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Approximately 9:00 A.M., Secretary Herter called the President. He said nothing had been said firmly about inviting Macmillan over here; he is returning to London tomorrow, and then goes to Paris and Bonn. Herter suggested that the President send him a message saying he appreciated his keeping him informed during Russia trip; that he appreciated firmness he displayed there; that he would be welcome here if he came over for a day or two. Herter said he had a feeling it would be helpful if he came. The President agreed it might be a pretty good idea, not too enthusiastically. He said we had to remember that anything we did now would be interpreted by our own people as seeking a way out -- that we would be weakening our position (he referred to the remark in this morning's paper by Gaiskell (in support of a summit conference)).

Herter said we do have a real split in Germany.

The President referred to a note he is sending having to do with Viet-Nameese-Thailand difficulties. He wanted Herter to make sure that the Embassies were notified that it was not our custom to give our diplomatic exchanges out publicly.

The President agreed he would write a note to Macmillan today.

